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AMERICAN CAVALRY LURED INTO AMBUSH BY MEXICANS; 40 KILLED

WASHINGTON, D. C., 2 P. M.
JUNE 22.—SENATOR WEEKS
HAS JUST INTRODUCED IN
THE SENATE A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE AMERICAN
ARMY TO INVADE MEX-
ICO.

Five Hundred Americans Opposed
Several Thousand Mexicans and
Retired After Losses. Many Mex-
icans Dead. Pershing Seizes Mex-
ican Towns.

Five hundred troops of the 10th American Cavalry were lured into ambush Wednesday by a flag of truce when they were attacked by a vastly superior force of several thousand Mexicans, and forty Americans had been mowed down by a machine gun and seventeen more captured before the small handful of cavalymen rallied from the surprise of the attack. An American machine gun and several hundred carbines were at once brought into play and probably a hundred Mexicans killed and many wounded, after which the Americans retired, being greatly overwhelmed by force of numbers. General Pershing immediately seized the towns of Casas Grandes and Nueva Casas Grandes, where he prepared to resist further attacks. Mexicans in Juarez and all other border towns are reported to be fleeing to the interior.

The fight took place on a large ranch near the village of Asumada. The cavalry was proceeding toward headquarters, when a flag of truce attracted their attention. Drawing closer they were met with a terrific fire from the hidden Mexicans, and forty men fell dead in an instant. The Mexicans, after the first fire, seemed to be poor marksmen for, although they outnumbered the Americans probably ten to one, they inflicted hardly any damage after the first onslaught, while probably a hundred of their number were killed and more wounded.

While further details are lacking, it appears now that the attack was a piece of unwarranted treachery, and will be regarded as an act of war, and the admission that a state of war exists between the two countries.

Great excitement prevailed at El Paso across the border, and greater still was the consternation in Mexican towns near the border when the soldiers and civilians alike were leaving the towns in droves and herds.

Since the fight General Pershing is distributing his forces to repel further hostilities and the forty thousand men on border patrol is being being strengthened and re-distributed. It is estimated that the militia from some of the nearer States can be gotten to the border in forty-eight to sixty hours, which will further help matters.

President Wilson Monday sent a new note to Carranza in which he sternly told the first chief that United States troops would not be withdrawn from the border until the lawless bands had been broken up. Carranza had formerly said that further presence of American forces would be construed a hostile act.

In Nueva Laredo, across the border from Laredo, Texas, all places of business closed Monday following the news that American militia had been mobilized.

In the Yaqui Valley all foreigners that are able bodied, including Americans, are being imprisoned, according to reports from San Diego, Cal.

Monday 1,000 Mexican peons, on the verge of starvation, crossed the border into El Paso hunting food and work. They came from the southern Chihuahua. Military officials had made an order that Mexicans in large bodies would not be permitted to leave the country.

Mexican civilians for the second time cut the international bridge at Brownsville, and erected a barricade of railroad iron, when word was received that this government had called out all its militia.

At Mazatlan Monday a landing party from an American vessel was attacked by Carranza soldiers and one American fatally shot and two more taken prisoners by the Mexicans. There is supposed to have started when the marines refused to keep away from land until permission to land had been given.

At Ojinaga, across to border from Presidio, Texas, Mexican troops were massing early in the week and grave apprehensions were felt all along the border.

Tuesday afternoon Chief Carranza sent a personal telegram to General De La Garza, Mexican commander at Nueva Laredo, instructing him to put forth every effort to stop border raids by bandits.

At Brownwood, Texas, Tuesday a Mexican who has been employed by a family for years, attacked the woman of the house with a knife and

wounded her terribly, so much so that a hundred stitches were required to close her wounds. A posse quickly took after the Mexican, captured and killed him.

It was reported at Brownsville Tuesday that Amceto Pizana, bandit leader, ad been made a colonel in the de facto army.

Representative Cyclone Davis, noted pacifist of Texas, is ready to fight. Told Mr. Burleson Tuesday he thought it time to act.

BRYAN HOPES FOR PEACE; TAKES STUMP FOR WILSON.

Former Secretary of State under President Wilson, would not forecast the result of the November Elections.

William Jennings Bryan, for two years Secretary of State under President Wilson, and three times Democratic nominee for president of the United States, was in McAlester this week, en route to Shawnee, where he was to lecture. Mr. Bryan is quoted in the News Capital as follows:

"It is serious, but I hope that it will be possible to get through without a clash between governments. The use of force so far has been against irresponsible bands which crossed the border, not with the government of Mexico.

"The prospects of the party have been very much improved by the two conventions—the republican convention in Chicago and the democratic convention in St. Louis." Mr. Bryan continued. "The republicans, by turning a cold shoulder to the progressives, alienated a great many of their former members, and our party, by its progressive platform, will draw a great many of those who voted for Roosevelt four years ago.

"Our people are therefore more comforted than they were a month ago."

Mr. Bryan said he would enter actively into the campaign for Mr. Wilson when the speaking part of the fight opens up and declared that the full influence of his newspaper, the Commoner, will be thrown in to the democratic national ticket.

CHAUTAUQUA OPENS MONDAY

Strongest Program Yet Awaits Those
Who Have Bought Tickets. Ticket
Sale Unusually Brisk This Week.

Chautauqua opens next week, Monday, with the strongest program ever offered ere, and that interest is great is evidenced by the heavy advance sale of season tickets, which has been handled early this week by a dozen committees of business men.

The chief features offered this year are:

Wells Watson Ginn, living before us the characters of "The Man From Home."

The Columbia Singing Orchestra, entertaining, pleasing, popular music.

Pol Plancon, the big French baritone, giving us really big music in a simple understandable, entirely enjoyable way.

Guila Adams, entertainer extraordinary to their majesties, the people of Durant.

Chas. A. Payne, globe pictureer for all over the world, wherever he has been he has secured photographs. Mexico is his theme this summer.

The Proctor-Watkins Sketch Artists, a program given by a whole company of entertainers. One of the big events.

The McCords, preludeing entertainers; some music incidentally.

Orrin Clifford Lester, analytically examining present day questions.

La Salle Corbell Pickett, wife of General Pickett, who led the charge at Gettysburg, telling her story of those stirring times.

Mrs. Flecht's Tyrolean Yodlers, cultured singers in costume; Alpine harmonies. "The Echo Song."

Dr. F. E. Gordon, inspiring, an orator of the Southern type, a worth while number.

The Hawaiians, a bigger success this year than last; W. S. Ellis in personal command; more people.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL.

Thursday, June 29th, a series of evangelistic meetings will begin at the East Side Presbyterian Church of this city. Rev. B. H. Baker of Point Aetna, Calif., will lead these meetings. Mr. Baker held a very successful meeting in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this city a few years ago. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings. Remember the date, June 29th, at 7:00 p. m.

L. D. HENDRICK,

Pastor.

SAYS CHAUTAUQUA BEST EVER.

W. F. Pendleton of the Durant Cotton returned yesterday from Farmersville, Texas. While he was there the Chautauqua program was being given that will appear in Durant and Mr. Pendleton attended several of the numbers and says they are the finest he ever saw anywhere, and that the accommodations were not nearly great enough to accommodate all the people who came. Many people stood outside, and the tent flaps had to be raised that they might see and hear. Committees here report great ticket sale and record breaking attendance is expected for the Durant Chautauqua.

WANTED—Travelling salesman to carry up-to-date line of trunks and bags as side line. Strictly commission. No advance. Appomattox Trunk & Bag Co., Petersburg, Va.

Preparedness to Fight This Summer Heat

—HAS BEEN OUR CHIEF AIM
AND PLAN FOR MANY MONTHS

To do this well requires more generalship than many would think, for had we not begun this preparation many months ago, it would not be possible that we could serve you so well, as it has ceased to be a matter of price, for it is now a problem of getting merchandise. Buying our goods early from the most reliable firms before prices advanced, we are now

--Prepared--

—WITH COOL, COMFORTABLE, STYLISH
AND DEPENDABLE CLOTHES

at little or no advance in most cases.

Yes Sir—we have Cool Cloth Suits



AIR-O-WEAVE
PALM BEACH
SILK MOHAIRS
and COOL CLOTHES

In Stylish
YOUNG MEN'S and
BUSINESS MEN'S

Models, in shapes
for all figures from
the new Pinch
Backs to extra stout
models. Values
ranging from

\$5.00 to \$15.00

Unusual values

\$6.50, \$7.50 and

\$8.50

Boys' Cool Cloth Suits \$3.00 to \$5.00, especially well made for boys.

EXTRA TROUSERS

FOR MEN OR BOYS ARE HERE.

MENS' WHITE FLANNEL TROUSERS, good models, neat pin and shadow stripes, tunnel belt loops, neat cuffs, very cool looking, priced.....\$5.00

SPLENDID BLUE SERGE, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.
Tropical weight Woolsens, Palm Beach, plaids, stripes and fancy mixtures.....\$2.50 to \$6.50

NO CHARGE FOR ALTERATION—THEY MUST FIT

SPORT SHIRTS for Men and Boys



—FOR YOU IN GREAT VARIETY

and are being universally worn in warm weather.

NOT MANY ARE ABLE TO SHOW THEM IN
IN SUCH DESIRABLE PATTERNS

SPORT SHIRTS in stripes with solid color trim or the opposite at.....50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

EAGLE SILK SHIRTS, neat patterns at.....\$1.50 to \$2.50

GENUINE SILK SHIRTS, beautiful designs.....\$2.50 to \$5.00

STRAW HATS, SUMMER UNDERWEAR

Nobby Wash Ties, New Summer Collars, Athletic Underwear Belas, Hose, Low Shoes, Tennis Shoes are here to help you FIGHT THIS HOT WEATHER. Enlist early to get full benefit.

DURANT Mercantile Co
DURANT, OKLA.
GOOD THINGS TO WEAR

MANY YOUNG MEN RECRUITING

Local Militia Company Expects to
Be Recruited to Sufficient Strength
for Duty This Week.

Wednesday night an estimated crowd of fifteen hundred people gathered at the corner of Third avenue and Main street to listen to talks calculated to increase interest in Company H, Oklahoma National Guard, which has been called to mobilize for border duty, as a result of President Wilson's order. Talks were made by Senator McIntosh, Prof. Linchield, Captain Veach and Lieutenant Paulin and enthusiasm was at a high pitch during the speaking. McClelland's band furnished music.

Reports brought to the News as we go to press have it that many young men are enlisting for service and that the company by tonight will at least have the minimum number, sixty-five, required before the company can be used. It is desired to enlist the company up to 141, the maximum war strength, and if a few days longer are allowed for enlistment, this will probably be accomplished, as more men are coming in on every train from other towns.

Upon the call of Captain Veach, a mass meeting was held at the local armory Tuesday night and was largely attended. Speeches were made by Capt. Veach, Senator McIntosh, Attorney Crockett and Dr. W. A. Horton, who has just returned from the State of Tampico, Mexico. Dr. Horton's description of conditions there was vivid in detail and created interest. Committees to stimulate enlistment and to arrange for financial expenditures that the government does not authorize, and that otherwise the officers of the company would pay, were appointed.

The company's present enlisted strength is 74 men and 3 officers. The desired strength is 141 men. At present fully half of the enlisted men are away from the city and efforts are being made to get them here. The company could not move a peg without 65 men, exclusive of officers, many young chaps are enlisting, and it is believed that before mobilization orders are received, the company will have been recruited to full strength.

COUNTY VALUES TEN MILLIONS

Valuations Lower Than Last Year,
But Legal Exemptions and State
Auto Tax Explains the Decrease.
Interesting Facts.

The work of assessing property in Bryan County for taxation the current year is complete and Assessor Yeatts has certified the values as fixed by the County Board of Equalization.

The total valuations are \$10,543,078, of which amount real estate (farm lands) come in for \$4,803,796, town lots for \$2,846,137 and personal property \$2,875,145.

According to the certificates 295,514 acres of land were rendered for taxation, representing an average value including improvements of \$16.30 per acre. 15,123 town lots were rendered, the average of which with improvements is \$188.00.

It will be interesting to note the average values of various classes of property as shown by the rendition. Horses, \$52.26; mules, \$69.92; cattle, \$17.28; sheep, \$2.00; goats, \$1.22; Swine, \$5.14; Wagons, \$19.75; carriages, \$20.35; bicycles, \$5; watches, \$9; pianos, \$87.21; typewriters, \$82.77; dogs, \$19.

One strange feature of the thing is that the average value of dogs is more than three times the average value of dogs, fifteen times greater than the value of goats, nine times greater than the value of cattle, and almost as great as the average value of buggies and wagons.

Another peculiar thing is that only one bicycle was rendered for taxation; still other oddities are that there were only \$740 worth of wagon scales, ferries and toll bridges. No judgments or tax certificates, no stocks or bonds or investments in domestic corporations, only \$63,000 in money on hand, only 104 typewriters, only \$50 worth of gold and silver plate, only 795 watches and only 9 adding machines.

Assessments are slightly lower than last year, but the difference is easily explained. Automobiles, which in this county run into many thousands of dollars, are no longer assessed by county assessors and as a result do not show on county tax books. Cotton and grain on hand are not subject to taxation, and general exemptions are greater than a year ago.

Let the News do your job printing.

TO ERECT NEW BANK BUILDING

Durant National Now Clearing Away
Old Edifice at Corner of Second
and Main. New Building to Be
Completed By January 1st.

Active work was begun this week in connection with the Durant National Bank's plan to erect a modern bank building on its lot at the north-west corner of Second Avenue and Main Street. The tenants in the buildings on this lot have vacated and the small buildings on the back of the lot have all been wrecked and the work of wrecking the large building will begin at once. The plans for the new building are being completed as rapidly as possible. Mr. H. E. McCarty, who built the union station in this city, has been awarded the contract and is now getting ready to do this work.

It is stated that the new bank building will be one of the most complete and modern banking houses in Oklahoma. The lot has a width of thirty-three feet and the building will extend back a distance of one hundred feet, while the remaining space between the bank and the alley will be built in with a two-story building to be cut up into offices. The bank building will be two stories in height and devoted exclusively to the Durant National's own use. The fixtures will be arranged with a lobby in the middle, on the west side being the teller's cages and bookkeeping department. On the right hand side the officers' quarters and note teller's cage will be located. Mezzanine floors will be placed at front and back end of the banking room, while the intervening space will be used for a large skylight, which will give ventilation and light in the working quarters of the bank. That portion of the mezzanine floor in front will be devoted to a directors' room, which will be not only large enough to take care of the needs of the directors, but also will afford a convenient place for the meeting of business men and public organizations of any kind which may find it convenient to meet there. There will be a vault in the basement for storing purposes and on the main floor will be a vault 12x15 feet in size, where will be kept the bank's money safes and also safety boxes for the use of its customers. The walls of the vault will be constructed of concrete and railroad iron and lined with Bessemer steel. The opening in this vault will be protected by a massive round door, which will add much to the appearance of the interior of the building. A second-story vault will be on the mezzanine floor, in which will be stored the bank's obsolete records and stationery. Every modern convenience will be installed which will facilitate the officers and employees in waiting on the bank's customers. A private branch telephone exchange will be put in with two main line connections to the central office. A ladies' rest room will be one of the modern features of the building. The building will be heated by a furnace.

The exterior of the banking room will be of Bedford or Carthage stone and the front of the building will be graced by columns extending the full height of the building, while the entrance will be set back in a recess about five feet.

The directors of the bank are making an effort to get the building completed by January 1, and unless weather conditions are unfavorable, it is believed this can be done.

It is expected that the cost of the building with inside furnishings and fixtures will reach \$50,000.

TWO YEARS FOR HARTWELL.

After deliberating about an hour Tuesday, the jury in the case of Ed Hartwell, charged by the State with cow larceny, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed his sentence at 2 years in the penitentiary. Hartwell lives at Platter.

The defendant has another charge to face in the district court. That of abduction. It is alleged that he abducted his wife, to whom he has been married for some time. Hartwell and his young wife eloped last year and were married in Texas. The girl's relatives brought the complaint so it is understood. The young wife was in the court room today when the verdict was returned.

EDITOR CROSSETT DOES A BIT.

Editor Guy Crossett of the Caddo Herald has been here this week serving on the jury and during the hours of waiting between cases, made himself generally useful about the News office. On one occasion, when the News' operator was calling for "copy" and this editor was otherwise engaged, Editor Crossett obligingly sat himself down at this writer's "mill" and ground out a few sticks of matter, which appear in this issue. We wish to thank Guy for his assistance, and express our desire to be able to reciprocate in kind.